

CHANGED HIS ELECTRIC PIANO.

A Saloonkeeper Finds That Wagner Is Not Suited for a Barroom.

A certain saloon, wishing to please its patrons without the expense of hiring a long-haired pianist, bought an electric piano, says the Indianapolis Sentinel. These pianos are very funny to watch, for they start up a tune and go straight ahead and play it to the bitter end without anyone near them. To a person who does not understand the motive power, the thing appears uncanny; and the boys prepared to have lots of fun. The saloon was full of patrons when somebody slyly turned on the current and the piano started. Out came the solemn, majestic strains of "Tannhauser." A man who was drinking at the bar set down his glass and shivered. Three men playing cards began to get nervous and, finally, with a cuss word or two, gave up the game. Still the piano thundered out the heavy chords of "Tannhauser," and the audience, not being familiar with Wagner, got bluer and bluer.

The owner saw that the piano had made a mistake and hastened to assure his patrons that he had other pieces and would put a new one in. This he did, and the men brightened up a little while waiting to hear the new piece. Many expressions of disgust at hearing a funeral dirge on such an occasion were hurled at the owner. Everyone had about resumed his original attitude when the piano was given another trial. This time it was "Lohengrin," and while the piece was a little brighter, it was not festive. One man declared it had been played at his grandfather's funeral or sister's wedding, he forgot which. This piece was taken out and a third tried, but it was an arrangement of the national hymns with variations, and was just as solemn. The piano was closed for the night and in the morning the proprietor rushed to find some more suitable pieces. Now the piano plays "The Bogie Man," "With Danny by My Side" and the "Washington Post March," and the crowd is delighted. But the piano came near wrecking the saloon the first night. If it had been Meyerbeer instead of Wagner perhaps the name would have carried the music through.

A WELL AS A BAROMETER.

It Is on a Cattaraugus County Farm, and Infallibly Foretells Weather.

There is a curious well on the Flint farm, in the town of Great Valley, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. It is a natural barometer. Nobody ever passes that farm, winter or summer, if the weather is settled, without asking something like this:

"Does the well threaten a change?"

For everyone knows that if there is bad weather coming the well will let them know it, sure as sure can be, says the New York Sun.

They call the well up there the "whistling well," although it doesn't whistle now. But that isn't any fault of the well. This well was dug about fifty years ago by the father of Col. Flint, who now occupies the farm. He put it down forty-five feet, but found

no water, and dug no further. Instead of water, a strong current of air came from the well at times. The opening was covered with a big flat stone, and for amusement a hole was drilled in the stone and a big tin whistle fitted into it. This whistle had two tones—one when the air rushed up from the well, and a different one when the counter current sucked the air back into the mysterious depths. It wasn't long before the discovery was made that within forty-eight hours after the outrushing current from the well started the whistle to shrieking a storm invariably followed. When the tone of the whistle was changed by the reversing of the current, it was discovered that the change meant a change and the coming of fair weather. These weather signals never failed. When the weather was settled the whistle was silent. The whistle got out of order some years ago, and, for some reason, was never repaired, but the coming and going currents of air still prophesy the coming of their respective "spells of weather" with unvarying infallibility.

Our Early Diplomats.

Congress had some difficulty in regulating the expenses of its foreign ministers so as to give them an opportunity to appear with dignity in foreign courts and at the same time conform to the economical ideas that prevailed in the matter of public expenditure. At the time Franklin was writing home that he could not make a respectable appearance at the court of France, the president of congress was receiving letters alleging a wasteful expenditure of money by Franklin and his nephew, Jonathan Williams. Some of these strictures may have been warranted, for John Adams was found including a charge for the education of his son in an account of his expenses abroad. The item was disallowed on the ground that the investigating committee did not find "any book or proceeding of congress, nor are they informed of any general or received custom, on which the charge of moneys for the education of the accomptant's son can be admitted, and, though the same is inconsiderable, they are of the opinion that a precedent be not established."

Why Bulls Hate a Red Rag.

In the first place, says an English writer, red is a color to which cattle are unaccustomed, so that they may naturally be supposed to be startled by its very novelty. Scientists show the sensation of red to be the complement of that of green, being induced by exactly opposite affect of the retina. If the eyes of cattle are constructed on a similar principle to our own the continual contemplation of green, as in trees and herbage, must produce a state of retinal fatigue, predisposing to violent excitement of the retina immediately a red substance is presented to view.

A Two-Month Flight.

The albatross has been known to follow a ship for two months without ever being seen to alight in the water or take a moment's rest. It is believed to sleep on the wings.

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No. 806, Arrives.	DESTINATION.	No. 805, Departs.
4:00 p. m.	Silver City	10:10 a. m.
1:10 "	"	12:40 p. m.
12:40 "	Deming	12:50 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	"	1:40 p. m.
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